

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 17, 2006

An act to amend Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1342, as introduced, Chesbro. Forest resources: timber harvesting plan.

The existing Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted for the timber operations, to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as specified, and the timber harvesting plan has been approved. The act provides that a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than 3 years, unless it is extended. The act authorizes a timber harvesting plan on which work has been commenced but not completed to be extended for a one-year period in order to complete the work, up to a maximum of two one-year extensions, if specified conditions are met.

This bill would provide that a timber harvesting plan that is for the exclusive use of uneven aged silviculture management is effective for a period of not more than 5 years, unless it is extended. The bill would authorize that timber harvesting plan, pursuant to which work has been commenced but not completed, to be extended by a one-time two-year period in order to complete the work, if specified conditions are met. The bill would provide that this extended period for a timber harvesting plan does not apply to a timber harvesting plan for the Southern Forest District.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

4590. (a) (1) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than three years, unless extended pursuant to paragraph (2).*

(2) A timber harvesting plan ~~on~~ *pursuant to* which work has been commenced but not completed may be extended by amendment for a one-year period in order to complete the work, up to a maximum of two one-year extensions, if (A) good cause is shown and (B) all timber operations are in conformance with the plan, this chapter, and all applicable rules and regulations, upon the filing of the notice of extension as required by this paragraph. The extension shall apply to any area covered by the plan for which a report has not been submitted ~~under~~ *pursuant to* Section 4585. The notice of extension shall be provided to the department not sooner than 30 days, but at least 10 days, prior to the expiration date of the plan. The notice shall include the circumstances ~~which~~ *that* prevented a timely completion of the work ~~under~~ *pursuant to* the plan and, consistent with Section 4583, an agreement to comply with this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board as they exist on the date the extension notice is filed.

(b) (1) *A timber harvesting plan that is for the exclusive use of uneven aged silviculture management is effective for a period of not more than five years, unless extended pursuant to paragraph (2).*

(2) *A timber harvesting plan that is effective for five years pursuant to paragraph (1) and pursuant to which work has been commenced but not completed may be extended by a one-time amendment for a two-year period in order to complete the work, subject to the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).*

(3) *Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to a timber harvesting plan for the Southern Forest District.*

(c) Stocking work may continue for more than the effective period of the plan ~~under subdivision (a)~~, but shall be completed within five years after the conclusion of other work.

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